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PUC TAKES FURTHER STEPS TO KEEP LIGHTS ON THIS SUMMER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5, 2005 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today took further action to keep the lights on this summer in Southern California.

In a decision authored by Commissioner Susan P. Kennedy, the Commission unanimously approved Southern California Edison's request to implement additional energy efficiency programs aimed at reducing peak demand by 36 megawatts – enough electricity to power 36,000 homes.

The decision orders Edison to expand four energy efficiency programs to immediately and significantly reduce peak demand – from residential customers and small, medium, and large businesses.

“We acted on this plan in record time,” stated Commissioner Kennedy, “because we know that energy efficiency is a key part of the dealing with potential energy shortages this summer.”

The programs:

- Expand residential customers' options for “instant rebates” – which are done at the point of sale – and are currently only available for compact fluorescent light purchases. The expanded program will include pool pumps and motors, refrigerators, air-conditioners, and whole house fans.
- Give small businesses “no-cost” lighting retrofits. Edison estimates reaching out to approximately 10,000 customers through this effort.
- Allows larger business customers to apply for incentives of up to 100 percent of the cost of the project on lighting retrofits.

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